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BRIDGEVIEWS

Highlighting Community News and Events

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VILLAGE OF BRIDGEVIEW APPRECIATION NIGHT

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AT 4:00 PM
TOYOTA PARK**

The Chicago Fire Soccer Club, Major League Soccer and the Village of Bridgeview have teamed up to provide an exclusive offer for Village of Bridgeview residents!

Village of Bridgeview residents can receive up to 4 complimentary tickets per household for Sunday, March 29 at 4 p.m., when the Chicago Fire faces the Philadelphia Union!

Tickets must be obtained at the Toyota Park box office. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. Proof of Bridgeview residency must be provided when picking up tickets.

AN EXCLUSIVE OFFER FOR BRIDGEVIEW RESIDENTS!

Please note that tickets are limited. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis and due to high demand, we encourage you to pick up your tickets as soon as possible. Parking cost is \$15.



Bridgeview Fire Department awarded grants for equipment



Bridgeview Fire Chief Anthony Butkus and Trustees Norma Pinon and Patricia Higginson display new equipment purchased with grant money.

Bridgeview Trustee Patt Higginson reports that the fire department applied for a grant last year and received close to \$24,000 to spend in new equipment. The grants were funded by a small percentage of the sales of fire insurance sold in Illinois.

Illinois Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitis said a total of \$945,845 was shared by 50 fire departments across the state.

"We used the grant for purchase of extrication equipment on one of the engines," Fire Chief Anthony Butkus said. "The equipment that's on there is more than 25 years old."

The Small Equipment Grant Program provides funds directly to Illinois fire departments, fire protection districts and township fire departments to purchase needed life-saving and operational equipment. These departments are eligible for grants up to \$26,000.

The fire marshal's office received 328 applications requesting more than \$6.9 million in findings this year.

All Village departments are expected to look for grants to help our community, said Trustee Higginson. Obtaining federal and state money helps relieve the burden on local taxpayers. Bridgeview has been successful in obtaining millions of dollars in grant dollars to help our community.

"If money is available, it makes good sense to work hard and bring it back to Bridgeview," concluded Trustee Higginson.

2015 RECYCLING GUIDE

PLASTIC



Plastic bottles and containers

GLASS



Glass jars and bottles

METAL



Aluminum, tin, or steel cans, foil and pie tins

CARTONS



Milk cartons, juice cartons, and aseptic containers

PAPER & CARDBOARD



Cardboard, office paper, file folders, magazines, catalogs, newspapers and inserts, junk mail, telephone books, etc.

Fun Facts

- Recycling one ton of plastic saves the equivalent of 1,000 to 2,000 gallons of gasoline.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough electricity to run a TV for 3 hours.
- Recycling one glass bottle or jar saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.
- More than 30 million trees are cut down to produce a year's supply of newspapers.
- Americans recycle only 5% of all the plastics produced in this country.

For any questions regarding waste and recycling services contact Customer Service at 708-594-2525.



Motorists stream in to the new Circle K station on 71st Street and Harlem Avenue to fill up their gas tanks.

Circle K opens at Toyota Park

Bridgeview welcomed the New Year with a new Circle K gas station and convenience store, which opened the last week of December at Toyota Park.

The station was replete with motorists lining up to get at the pumps when gas was selling for \$1.99 per gallon. It hadn't sold for that low in Illinois since at least 2008.

James Wiechart, the Chicago director of Operations for Circle K, said he was pleased with the day's results.

"We started slow because of the holiday season, but by 2 p.m. we were out directing traffic. We had several tank truck deliveries of gasoline to refill our supplies, and that is exactly what we expected," he said.

The Toyota Park Circle K store, which is larger than most Circle K locations, features a sporting motif inside the store. The store sells diesel fuel and gasoline and expects to cater to the large number of trucks that enter the CSX intermodal facility, which is the largest rail container yard in the Chicago area. The Circle K station represents the first development in the Toyota Park area.

Bridgeview Mayor Steve Landek welcomed the opening and looked forward to future developments.

"The economic slowdown in 2008 through 2013 was tough on commercial development and hurt everyone," he said.

"Investor dollars are back in the market and they are seeing the potential benefits to Toyota Park. The village is already engaged in discussions with other developers to build more entertainment and hospitality areas."

Circle K, which is a 24-hour operation, was built for an estimated \$5 million. It features the most up-to-date registers and pay-at-pump systems. Truckers were especially pleased by the pay-at-pump system for diesel fuel, which is not commonly found in this area.

According to Wiechart, Circle K is not finished doing business in the Bridgeview area.

"We expect to begin a total rebuilding of our station at 87th and Harlem. Work is expected to begin this year, with a grand opening by year's end," he said.

Boy Scouts restore arts and crafts room at Community Center

Life Scout Andrew Zwaijack worked very hard to renovate the Community Center art room for his Eagle Scout Service Project.

The old arts and crafts room was recently used as a storage room and last-minute brief meeting room. When Andrew found out how the space was being misused, he decided what his leadership project would be.

"The art room at the Bridgeview Community Center is a place I have used all my life, since I was a young Cub Scout," Andrew said. "I learned that the art room was only being used as a storage room now. That's when I knew I had to work on renovating the art room, so that other children can enjoy using it as much as I did as a Cub Scout."

"This journey was a rough one due to the school work and sports I have obligations to."

Despite the challenges, Andrew remained committed to the ambitious project. "But I was chasing a dream of mine and I did not stop until I achieved it," he said.

With the help of Director of the Community Center Jim Nagel, Eagle Coach Chris Karge and the rest of the Boy Scouts, Andrew worked very hard for four months to restore the art room in the Community Center. The room now needs some final touches, but it will be available to use before the end of the month.



Life Scout Daniel Connor and leader of the the Eagle Scout Service Project Andrew Zwaijack go through the debris in the art room in the Community Center.

Catch Chicago Fire home games at Toyota Park!

 2015 REGULAR HOME SCHEDULE							
MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
FRI MAR 6 AT  9 PM (UNIMAS)	SAT APR 4 VS  2 PM (TBA)	SUN MAY 3 AT  4 PM (ESPN2)	WED JUNE 3 AT  6 PM (TBA)	FRI JULY 3 AT  6 PM (UNIVISION DEPORTES)	SUN AUG 2 VS  6 PM (FOX SPORTS 1)	SAT SEPT 5 AT  TBA (TBA)	SAT OCT 3 VS  7:30 PM (TBA)
SAT MAR 14 VS  5 PM (TBA)	WED APR 15 AT  6:30 PM (TBA)	SAT MAY 9 VS  2 PM (TBA)	SAT JUNE 6 VS  7:30 PM (TBA)	SAT JULY 11 VS  7:30 PM (TBA)	FRI AUG 7 AT  10 PM (UNIMAS)	FRI SEPT 11 AT  6 PM (UNIMAS)	SUN OCT 18 AT  TBA (TBA)
SUN MAR 22 AT  8 PM (FOX SPORTS 1)	SAT APR 18 AT  TBA (TBA)	FRI MAY 15 AT  6 PM (UNIVISION DEPORTES)	WED JUNE 24 VS  7:30 PM (TBA)	SUN JULY 19 AT  4 PM (ESPN2)	SAT AUG 22 VS  7:30 PM (TBA)	SAT SEPT 19 VS  7:30 PM (TBA)	SUN OCT 25 VS  4 PM (TBA)
SUN MAR 29 VS  4 PM (ESPN2)	FRI APR 24 VS  7 PM (UNIVISION DEPORTES)	SAT MAY 30 VS  7:30 PM (TBA)	WED JUNE 24 VS  7:30 PM (TBA)	SAT JULY 25 VS  7:30 PM (TBA)	WED AUG 26 VS  7:30 PM (TBA)	SAT SEPT 26 AT  TBA (TBA)	SUN OCT 25 VS  4 PM (TBA)

DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CENTRAL TIMES LISTED.

Bridgeview cares!

Our Village trustees have a policy to make sure all of our facilities are available for use by charities. Throughout the year Bridgeview is host to numerous events held to help those in needs.

Whether it is delivering the 60,000 rubber ducks to the Chicago River for Special Olympics, Tow Trucks for Tots at the stadium, serving as a distribution point for Girl Scout cookies, the Walk For the Cure at the park district, Moose bingo at the community center or a food

drive for our veterans, the Village stands ready to help.

Trustee Norma Pinion says that, "as a taxpayer, people should know that giving back is a big part of our mission to help our community. These charities and community groups make up a big part of what our community represents."

Helping others is fundamental to who we are in Bridgeview, said Trustee Mary Sutton, who is a long-time village resident and, most of all, a longtime volunteer to help others!!



Volunteers help organize the veterans food drive.

VILLAGE OF BRIDGEVIEW

MAYOR

Steven M. Landek

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Norma Pinion

James Cecott

Patricia Higginson

Mary Sutton

Michael Pticek

Claudette Struzik

VILLAGE CLERK

John Altar

VILLAGE CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS

Mon, Tues., Thurs., Fri.:

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Wed.: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sat.: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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TOYOTA PARK

Chicago Fire soccer, concerts, special events

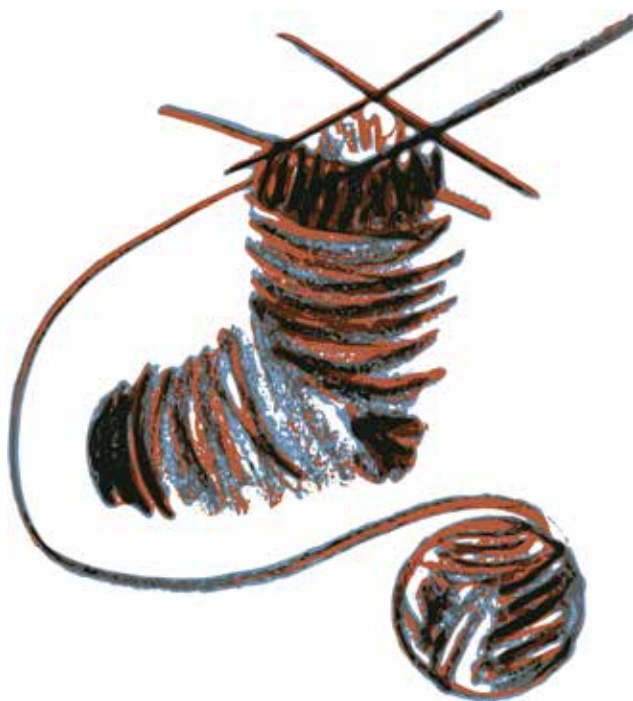
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Availability, pricing

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BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY



Drop-in Knitting & Crochet Group

The Drop-In Knitting & Crochet Group meets on Tuesday evenings starting at 6 p.m. This is not a class, it's more of a meet-and-knit community craft night. So, you will need to bring your needles, yarn and project and enjoy the atmosphere of knitting and socializing with other crafters for an hour.

CHANGES AT THE LIBRARY

As mentioned before, the Bridgeview Public Library and 76 other libraries are getting ready to change the way we do some things. We will soon be upgrading to a new and improved catalog system. To help prepare for this change we are asking that patrons please verify their phone number, address and email address when you stop by the library.

Our "Go Live" date is Tuesday, April 14. On that date all PIN numbers will reset to the last four digits of your phone number. Any time after April 14 you can choose to change your PIN number either online or when you're in the library. Stop by the Circulation Desk for help.

Requesting materials won't change. You'll be able to place holds with us and throughout Illinois libraries. And you'll get the search results you expect – with recommended titles as you type, as well as suggestions for the hard-to-spell words.

Mobile apps and social media integration will make using the Bridgeview Public Library more dynamic.

THANK YOU

From the Bridgeview Public Library

Despite the cold weather we had in February, our loyal patrons made every attempt to join us for their favorite weekly events. Thank you for attending our programs!

Gentle Flow Yoga

This yoga is done while sitting in a comfortable chair.

Instructor Debbie Sernos helps you to relax breathe and unwind after a hectic day. Sit and listen to the calming music while Debbie gives the calming instructions. Some standing is involved for proper stretching.

This is not a weekly class and registration is required.

Gentle Flow Yoga will be held on March 10th and 24th, and April 7th & 21st.

Adult Book Club

Do you love books? Like to meet new people? Have fun? If you said yes, then you need to join the Bridgeview Public Library's Book Club. It meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Registration is required. The selections of the month are as follows:

March 24: *The Gilly Salt Sisters*

April 28: *The Forgotten Garden*

May 26: *The Round House*

June 23: *The Postmistress*

For further information about any of the classes or future classes please call the Bridgeview Public Library at (708) 458-2880 and ask for the Reference Department



Bridgeview Park District presents



2015 Annual

Breakfast Easter Scramble

Sunday, March 22nd • 10:00 am



Hop along and join us on Sunday, March 29th at 10:00am for our annual Easter Scramble Event. The Easter Bunny will be hoppin' around while you enjoy a scrambled egg breakfast. After breakfast the gym will be hoppin' with activities. Make sure to bring a bag or basket to collect your eggs for our egg scramble. Easter crafts and coloring stations will also be set up!

Egg Coloring Contest

Bring in one decorated Easter egg for our Easter egg contest! Be creative and you might be the big winner! Fee: \$5.00 per person. Registration required.

SUMMER CAMP

Get a Jump Start on Summer Camp!

Register today to take advantage of our payment plan options!

Register by:	Payment is split up by:
February	4 months
March	3 months
April	2 months
May	1/2 due at registration and the other half due 1 week before camp begins

The Adventure begins in June where your child will attend camp full of fun, and friendship. The days are filled with games, sports, crafts, theme days, field trips, swim days and more!

A T-shirt is included in the fee.

Day Camp Ages: 5-13 yrs.

Tot Camp Ages: 3-5 yrs.

Session 1: June 15th - July 10th (no camp July 3rd)

Session 2: July 13th - August 7th

Day Camp A	Monday - Friday	9am-3pm	\$273.00
Day Camp B	Mon, Wed, & Fri	9am-3pm	\$170.00
Day Camp C	Tues. & Thurs.	9am-3pm	\$130.00
Tot Camp A	Monday - Friday	9am-12pm	\$150.00
Tot Camp B	Mon, Wed, & Fri	9am-12pm	\$100.00
Tot Camp C	Tues. & Thurs.	9am-12pm	\$50.00

Early Bird Camp is Available for both Day Camp and Tot Camp.

Early Bird

Camp A	Monday - Friday	7:30am-9am	\$70.00
Camp B	Mon, Wed, & Fri	7:30am-9am	\$50.00
Camp C	Tues. & Thurs.	7:30am-9am	\$30.00

After Camp

Camp A	Monday - Friday	3-6pm	\$120.00
Camp B	Mon, Wed, & Fri	3-6pm	\$75.00
Camp C	Tues. & Thurs.	3-6pm	\$50.00

BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT

Paint Night

Join us for our canvas paint night on **Friday March 27th** at 6:30pm. Instructor will take you through each step to produce your own masterpiece in a fun environment. At the end of the evening, you will take home a 16 x 20 gallery wrapped canvas. Fee:

\$40 if registered by March 18th

\$45 if registered after Mar. 18th

Location: Muehe Building

Time: Arrive at 6:15pm

Fun begins at 6:30pm

Holland Tulip Festival

Leave the driving to us as you climb aboard a luxury motor coach and we head to Holland Michigan for their annual Tulip Festival.

Our tour will include:

- Wooden Shoe Factory
- Veldheer Tulips
- The Delf Factory
- Klompen Dancer
- The Dutch Factory
- Windmill Island
- Dinner at Queen's Inn at Dutch Village

**Lunch is on your own*

Ages: All

Date: **Thursday, May 7th**

Time: 7:00am depart from Bridgeview Park District

Return to the Park at 8:00pm

Fee: \$92.00 per person

Trivia Night

Get those wheels turning and let's see what your team can do! Grab a group of 8 people and register your team. Doors open at 6:30pm and games begin at 7:15pm. Bring your own beverages and snacks (*no glass bottles*). There will be 10 rounds of trivia. Cash prize given for top 3 teams.

Registration is required.

Each team member needs to sign their own waiver.

Ages: All

Date: **Saturday, Apr. 11th**

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Muehe Building

Fee: \$96 per team of 8
(\$12 per person)

Coffee... Cake... and the Chief

Join us for a coffee klatch with Bridgeview Police Chief Klimek. Our table topic will be the new laws that have gone into effect in 2015. This informative workshop will make you aware of what new laws were added or changed and how they will affect you. Time for questions and answers will be available.

Date: **Tuesday, April 7th**

Time: 10:00 am

Stop in to register or call to reserve your spot today!

Special Programs

55 and Better!

Senior Game Day:

Monday, April 6th

at 12:30pm

FREE

B.E.S.T. Wii Bowling

Our next round of our Wii Bowling League is just around the corner! Each team consists of 4 players and will bowl one match per week. A match consists of 2 games. Come show us what a "knockout" you are!

Date: April 17th - June 5th

Day: **Fridays**

Time: 10:00am

Ages: 55+

Fee: \$12.00 per bowler

Banquet date TBD

Income Tax Assistance Program

Aging Care Connections is happy to offer the Income Tax Assistance Program for FREE.

Participants must be age 60 or better. Experienced AARP trained tax volunteers will be available by appointment only to assist you in preparing your 2014 tax returns. Appointments will be available Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings beginning February 9th through April 8th.

Please call Aging Care Connections at (708) 354-1323 to schedule your appointment today.

The Tax Assistance Program will be held at:

Aging Care Connections
111 W. Harris Avenue
LaGrange, IL



Gear up for a new season at the Bridgeview Park District's 12th annual

"UNDER THE DOME CAR SHOW AND CRAFT FAIR!"

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND • FREE TO SPECTATORS!

CAR SHOW REGISTRATION

\$15 per vehicle entry fee
All pre-registered vehicles receive a premium gift
Staging Begins: 7-9 am

CRAFT FAIR

\$20 per space + donation for raffle table
10'x10' space on astro turf (no electric)
Bring your own table and chairs
Set up Begins: 7-9 am

Register at Bridgeview Park District 708-594-1818



VILLAGE OF BRIDGEVIEW

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The new Bridgeview Menards will look like the two-story Menards that's located in Hodgkins.

Menards to rebuild store in Bridgeview

After a huge closing sale, the Menards home improvement store at 9140 S. Harlem Ave. in Bridgeview closed on March 20. But the good news is that it is slated to make a comeback in a new format next year.

Mayor Steve Landek hailed the plan. "It's a good sign for Bridgeview. It means a large retailer wants to stay in Bridgeview, because Bridgeview is a good place to do business. They could have relocated and built a store in another town. Instead they are making a multimillion dollar investment in Bridgeview, and that's great news."

Jeff Abbott, a spokesman for the

Eau Claire, Wis.-based chain, said in an email statement: "We plan to tear down the current building and start construction of a brand new store on the same property."

Abbott said the new store would be built in a two-story format, similar to the Menards two-story stores located in Hodgkins and Schererville, Ind.

The new store will feature a full-service lumber yard, a covered warehouse and a garden center. It also will sell appliances, pet and wildlife supplies, and groceries.

Although there is no official opening day, the Bridgeview building department is working closely

with Menards.

"Bridgeview is business friendly and we need to make sure this significant expense of Menards is given our full attention," said Mayor Landek.

In addition to Menards beginning a rebuilding project, Pete's Fresh Market on 103rd and Harlem is slated to open within weeks. This huge investment by Pete's Fresh Market is another sign of the vitality of Bridgeview.

As always, it is important to shop in Bridgeview. One cent of your sales tax goes directly to Bridgeview. These types of retail improvement projects help Bridgeview's finances.